

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

October 29, 2023 † Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You shall love the
Lord, your God, with
all your heart, with
all your soul, and
with all your mind.”
- Mt 22:37

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:30 PM

Sunday - 8:15 AM - 10 AM - 12 Noon

Weekdays & Saturdays - 9 AM

Holy Day Eve - 7:00 PM **Holy Day** - 9 AM - 7:00 PM

(Call Office to verify Mass times)

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday,
from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15--4PM

Parish Mission Statement

We are the Church, alive with Christ, a diverse community rooted in faith, celebrating a liturgy of life. We are prayerfully responsive to the Spirit of the living Gospel, freely and fully ministering to all.

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Most have heard of the old short story, "Everything I really need to know in life, I learned in kindergarten." I think that there is a great truth there. The things that really matter the most we learned at a very young age. We were all taught how to clean up a mess we made, how to put things back where we found them, how to apologize if we did something wrong, how to look both ways when we cross a street, etc.... Most importantly we were taught how to be kind, compassionate and loving. Jesus is reminding us to keep things simple and remember what we already know to be true. In today's Gospel Jesus tells us, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

That is what we are called to do, it doesn't get any simpler

than that. However, we all know how hard it is to even do the simplest things. Loving your neighbor as yourself is difficult and sometimes seems impossible. We continue to work towards peace in all those regions torn by violence and war. We pray that someday we can learn to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Wednesday, November 1 is All Saints Day. It is a holy day of obligation. Our masses will be on 10/31 at 7pm and on Wednesday at 9 am and 7 pm. Thursday, November 2 is All Souls Day, and our masses will be at 9 am and 7pm. The evening mass will be a special candle lite liturgy to remember the dead in a special way. We all have experienced the pain of losing a loved one. It is a hurt that never goes away. We learn to go on with life, keeping the memory of our loved one alive in our heart. Throughout the whole month of November, we remember the deceased and the love they shared with us. Please consider joining us on All Souls Day evening. Also, if you are struggling with the loss of a loved one, remember that there is a grief support group here at OLMC that you can turn to.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel ... Pray for us!

Fr. Jeff

Readings for the week of October 29, 2023

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11



Are you tired of the secularization of Christmas?

Come celebrate the Advent season with the Catholic Grandparents Association as we bring you "**The Legend of St. Nicholas**". A live presentation, by actor Terry Lynch from HFK Presents, on the beloved bishop of Myra, St. Nicholas the protector of children throughout the ages.

The young and the old will learn about holiday traditions from various countries, hear the stories of St. Nicholas, find a new understanding of the true meaning of Christmas, and realize that to celebrate the birth of Christ is to truly live his life.

So, you better watch out!! And save the date...

St. Nick is coming to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on.... **December 6 at 6:30 p.m.** Families of *all* ages are welcome!! (In the spirit of Christmas, families are encouraged to bring donations for OLMC's Food Pantry.)

Thank you to everybody that donated to our recent St. Vincent De Paul Clothing drive. It was very successful!! Special thanks to those that helped unload the cars and load the truck.. We appreciated all that you did. As always, your donations are blessings to others.



**NEXT MEETING
NOVEMBER 1**

Join us as we make blankets to cover our sick and homebound with our love and our prayers.

We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am

No experience necessary – just willing hands and caring hearts.

Young at Heart is a group for men and women age 55+.

Join us for our November gathering on November 2nd at 10:00am in the upper deck.

During this meeting we will work on our balance doing Chair Yoga for all levels.

For more information, contact Cathy Lentz at 630-852-3303 X5, or, Barbara Jo Miller at 630-985-1043.





Sunday Collections as of 10/22/23:

| YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Difference |
|------------|------------|------------|
| \$259,250 | \$266,660 | (\$7,410) |



The Food Pantry is running very low - Please Donate!

Current needs: Canned soups, veggies and fruit

See the website for a complete list foodpantry@ourladyofmtcarmel.org or contact Cathy Lentz

November 2
7 p.m. Mass
Join us . . . as we
remember with love

**Pray for our beloved dead. Light a
candle in their memory.**



Cathy's Corner—Judging For Ourselves

“Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?” A fair, if not slightly confrontational, question from Jesus to the crowds that had been soaking in his preaching for quite some time. It did seem that Jesus was always especially critical of the ones who should know better. The Jewish leaders who had the benefit of detailed instruction on the law and the prophets and knew by heart all of salvation history. The disciples who followed him day in and day out, listening to him teach and watching him heal. One might even put oneself in that category as a contemporary Catholic. And, after all, we do use our own senses to judge what is best for ourselves. We judge for ourselves whether we should wear a waterproof coat by listening for raindrops on the window. We judge for ourselves whether we should pull out the hose by looking at how droopy the plants are outside. We judge for ourselves whether it is safe to drink that coffee by touching the side of the cup. So why do we not use our own senses to judge what is right and, as Jesus exhorted his followers, to interpret the present time? Why do we not listen to the cries of the immigrant families at our borders or bussed to heaven knows where and hear their despair? Why do we not look at the faces of all the people in the LGBTQ+ community and see their rejection? Why do we not touch the arms of the elderly and differently abled and feel their isolation? Perhaps even though our senses recognize the evil in our inaction, it is easier, and safer, than doing the good of standing against the powerful voices of hate at the side of all those voiceless and powerless. And fair enough, St. Paul would say. Because even he bemoaned that he did not do the good he wanted but instead the evil he did not. Even St. Paul was captive to the sin that dwells inside us all that does not dissolve merely by recognizing its existence. Thanks be to God the story does not end there, for Paul or for us. Because it is the grace of that same God that opens our ears and our eyes and our hands to the pain that is all around us, to the actions we need to undertake, to deliverance from a body that fears the consequences of doing what is right. The courage of loving God and neighbor in deed as well as word can create conflict even with our dearest family and friends it is true. Nevertheless, let us judge for ourselves as Jesus demanded, by heeding the one sent by our God to destroy all that is evil. Because in that same Jesus Christ we can only use our senses to do nothing but good.

Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119: 66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12: 54-59

RE News

Trunk or Treat with the Saints
Sun. Oct. 29, @ 2:00 PM
Upper Parking Lot or
p-6 classrooms if raining



CHRISTOS

CHRISTOS is back! Our next class will be Friday, November 3 from 5-6 or Saturday, Saturday, November 4 from 3:00-4:15.

We are still looking for a few teachers and aides to help us out with this program for our students with special needs or disABILITIES. Please contact the RE Office for more information and training. We will meet Thursday evenings prior to the class sessions to go over our team action plan.

Trunk or Treat with the Saints

Please note: if the weather is rainy, we will do this inside in the RE classrooms.

Upcoming Dates

Family Mass:

Sunday, November 19 will be our next Family Mass at 10:00 . We will have Reader practice on Monday, November 13th at 6:30 PM and/or Thursday, November 16th at 6:30 PM.

We are also looking for a few families to help usher and bring up the gifts. If your family would like to help in any way, please contact Sherry ASAP so we can get you the readings or other info right away.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass:

Can you believe it's time to look at Christmas schedules already? We are so busy this time of year, so I wanted to put out a reminder to save the dates for practice. We will have our first info meeting on Monday, November 27 at 5:00-6:00. Watch your child's folder for more info.

Questions of the Week:

Question for Children: We show our love for Jesus by loving our friends and family. Share one way that you show your love.

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that we are to love others as we love ourselves. Do you love yourself? Can you see the good that God has put within you? Do you find it easier to love others or yourself?

Question for Adults: Repeat the two commandments which Jesus teaches today in your own words? For each of them, share how it has become part of your life.

Activities of the Week

We show our love for God by imitating God's compassion in caring for those who are poor. Use this time to evaluate your family's concern for those who are poor in your community. Remind your family that you also need to be aware of the sufferings of those who are poor throughout the world. Gather together as a family, and vote on a family project to help alleviate suffering in your community or in the world.

Together with your family, draw a large heart on a blank sheet of white paper. Cut out the heart and write the passage from Matthew's Gospel 22:37-39 inside. Hang the heart in a special place to remind your family of Jesus' Great Commandment each day.

Catechist Info

Thank you all for stepping up to share your faith with our younger parishioners! This program can not happen without your help. We can still use a few more saints to help us along the way. PS... YOU are a saint!

If you're ever in the San Francisco area (I hear the coffee is great) or you'd like to drop a note or card into the mail, here is my contact information:

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Peace to all; gratitude
to all; my love to all,
Fr Gregory



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 28, 2023

4:30PM Gene & Jeanette Lang (Daughter)

Gary Delfinado-living (Family)

Therese Kowalski-living (Family)

Sunday, October 29, 2023

8:15AM Clarence May-17th anniv (Shirley & Family)

10:00AM Sam & Frank Angelucci (Family)

NOON Sharon Dellamorte (Family)

Ricardo C. Barretto (Felisa & Rafael Barretto)

Monday, October 30, 2023

9:00AM Ronald R. Caruso (Family)

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

9:00AM Jerome P. Bukowski

(Frank & Fran Modelski)

7:00PM Vigil

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

9:00AM For all deceased parishioners, family and friends

7:00PM Mass for All Saints

Thursday, November 2, 2023

9:00AM For all deceased parishioners, family and friends

7:00PM Mass for All Souls

Friday, November 3, 2023

9:00AM Bette Stack & Marilyn Hammer

(Pat Monahan)

Alphy Francis Valiaparambil (Family)

Felicitas Angliongto (Paula)

Philip Ulahan-4th anniv (Daughter)

Avery Krashen (Ampy)

Cesario & Dolores Diago (Ampy)

Saturday, November 4, 2023

9:00AM Daniel Caruso (Family)

